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Action Still Needed On Fire & Police Contracts

Town Meeting Folds Up Without A Quorum

Cohasset Annual Town Meeting was dissolved Tuesday night after an hour's wait failed to reach a quorum of 200 voters.

The 164 voters attending the meeting at the high school auditorium had gathered to finish business which had

been either deferred until all other articles had been acted upon or postponed until Town Meeting resumed. Moderator David Place thanked the assembly for their patience.

The most pressing articles to have been heard were the Police and Fire

Departments collective bargaining agreements, which Place explained, were supposed to be acted on by the town within 30 days of their ratification.

Selectman Chairman Arthur Clark said that agreement between the town

and the respective associations will decide when the contracts will again come before the town, either in the fall at a Special Town Meeting or next year at the next annual Town Meeting. Salary increments will be retroactive to July 1 but no interest will accrue on the amounts, Place noted.

The firefighters contract yielded a total increase of \$27,578 which represented a five per cent increase for regular salaried personnel, a uniform dress allowance increase, and additional educational credits, eligibility for longevity benefits and salary increases for Emergency Medical Technicians.

The police contract called for a five per cent increase for patrolmen at the minimum, first and second pay steps and a 6.13 per cent increase for those at the maximum pay level. A new prosecutor position will bring an additional \$500 annually. The total additional cost of the contract is \$20,920 and also includes an increment for the patrolman in charge of a shift for \$3 a shift and a raise in uniform allowance from \$210 to \$250.

Articles 45 through 74 concerning zoning bylaw changes were also up for consideration at the meeting. Of par-



PROPHETIC SIGN CAN MEAN MORE THAN ONE THING IN GAS LINE.

Long Gas Lines Linger Longer

By Judith Epstein

Two months ago when the **Mariner** investigated the gas situation at local stations in the Village on Route 3A, the trouble was with steepening prices and a slight cut back in allocations. Now, concern has switched to the availability of gas at all for both motorists and operators.

With the exception of two of the six stations the **Mariner** spoke with, own-

ers and managers have been cut back to 70 or at the most 80 per cent of what they were receiving last year. That coupled with the Governor's order to fill only those motorists whose gas gauges registered under half a tank has created a horror show at stations.

Long lines result, spilling out in to the heavy traffic of Route 3A or the busy activities of South Main Street. So far, tempers haven't flared too badly, perhaps because the tempera-

ture has stayed on the cooler side of the 80's and 90's, but probably because most gas attendants are not stringently following the Governor's order. So motorists who find a station open within the first few hours that gas is sold can still tank up without too much trouble.

Most stations are finding that they can only pump for two or three hours, usually in the morning, before reach-

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School Board Establishes New Goals

The School Committee Monday night approved the establishment of four new goals for the 1979-80 school year.

The first goal, which passed unanimously without discussion, will establish a cost-awareness program for all employees in the Cohasset Public Schools.

The next goal, a School Committee request for the School Facilities Committee to propose two all-purpose playing fields, passed five to one. There was some discussion about the

readiness of Milliken Field for additional field area, but Superintendent John Maloney explained that the field is still in a two-phase process of renovation.

Committee member Frank England suggested the construction of a recreational area between the Joseph Osgood and Deer Hill Schools, but Chairman John Langmaid discounted the idea for now because of what would be a huge expense to the town.

A goal for the Superintendent, Principals and Special Needs Director

Stephen Hart to work on a coordinated curriculum in the elementary schools with special emphasis on reading and listening skills, was also voted unanimously by the Committee.

Committee member Patricia Walsh had pointed out three specific area in which she wanted to see coordination including: the new SBA texts, uniformity in the areas of handwriting and reading and reviewing the present kindergarten as preparation.

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Feola's Suspension Continued

Selectmen voted last week to continue Patrolman Randolph Feola, Jr.'s suspension, with pay, until their next meeting July 5.

Feola's suspension was to have ended last Wednesday June 20 when a pre-trial conference was scheduled at Hingham District Court. It was postponed until July 3 as Feola was required to testify in a rape case in Dedham Superior Court.

The conference to discuss the charges brought against Feola by Hull Police concerned driving under the influence, speeding, failing to keep to the right, failing to carry a driver's license and carrying a dangerous weapon. Feola pleaded innocent to the charges at Hingham District Court on May 8. His suspension was decided by Selectmen during an emergency Se-

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